



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HAUPTMANN *et al.*

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For: **Process for Preparing and Purifying
Alpha-Interferon**

Art Unit: 1812

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 & 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 16, 1996 (Paper No. 14), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-captioned patent application in view of the following Amendment and Remarks.

The period for response to the Office Action has been extended to the date of filing by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and fee. If an additional extension of time is required in order to prevent this application from becoming abandoned, such extension is hereby petitioned and the fee may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 18. Please amend the following claims:

1. (Twice amended) A method for preparing correctly folded and disulfide bond-linked interferon- α by expression in *E. coli*, comprising the steps of :